

Flood Authority Ongoing Efforts – May 12, 2011

Effort	Description	Status
General Investigation (GI) Flood Plan	Participate in an effort to study and develop projects for ecosystem restoration and flood reduction throughout the Chehalis basin. Revise the draft Flood Plan, share with the public, and move toward adoption/approval.	The Flood Authority and the Chehalis Basin Partnership have sent letters to the Governor asking the State to be the local sponsor. The Authority approved the Flood Plan on June 17, 2010 and sent a letter to member jurisdictions recommending they adopt the plan.
Flood Entity Formation Public Involvement	Move toward formation of a permanent governance and finance structure. Conduct outreach to Flood Authority stakeholders.	the plan. The Authority will discuss Commissioner Averill's new proposal at the meeting on May 19, 2011. FCS Group held public meetings on flood district formation in Rochester on Oct. 14, Montesano on Oct. 18, and Centralia on Oct. 28, 2010. Summary reports on the meetings are available on the Flood Authority website.
Upstream Storage Phase 2B	Fund Lewis County PUD evaluation of water storage facilities on the upper Chehalis River.	Lewis County PUD distributed EES' final Phase 2B study report on April 15, 2011.
Early Warning Program Fisheries Study	Design and implement a system to warn citizens in advance of an anticipated flood event. Conduct a study of the effect of possible retention structures and other flood control measures on fish in the basin.	Dave Curtis of WEST Consulting provided an update at the Authority meeting on February 17, 2011. Paul Schlenger of Anchor QEA provided an update at the Authority meeting on January 20, 2011.